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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/064,171	Applicant(s) ADKISSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Douglas W. Owens	Art Unit 2811	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 7, 8, 18, 19 and 22 are objected to because of the following informalities:
In claim 7, "Damascene damascene" should be replaced with --damascene--.
In line 1 of claims 18 and 19, --recited-- should be inserted between "as" and "in".
In line 2 of claim 22, --a-- should be inserted between "wherein" and "shallow."
Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 1 – 8 and 18 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 requires that the conduction channel have a first thickness. The meaning of the term "thickness" as it relates to the channel region is not understood. Is this a reference to the channel length, which can be defined by the distance between the source and drain? Is this a reference to a vertical thickness of a layer disposed on the substrate, in which the channel region is formed? Is this a reference to a distance that is orthogonal to the channel length?

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Examiner notes that the prior art of record does not disclose an FET with a dual-gate, as recited in claim 1, particularly including "polysilicon gate regions having silicide sidewalls formed thereon."

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 8 and 18 – 22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

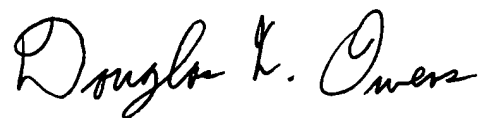
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas W. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-1662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Owens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'O'.

Douglas W Owens
Examiner
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Search Notes

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✓	Rejected
=	Allowed

—	(Through numeral) Cancelled
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N	Non-Elected
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have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to make a plant host cell or transgenic plant comprising a polynucleotide encoding an engineered zinc finger polypeptide and a target DNA sequence, wherein the zinc finger polypeptide is fused to a catalytic domain of a restriction enzyme. One skilled in the art would have been motivated to do so in order to increase the frequency of homologous recombination at a specific locus. One skilled in the art would have had a reasonable expectation of success given the teachings of Cox et al. with respect to the expression of engineered zinc finger polypeptides in plants, and given the teachings of Puchta H. et al. with respect to the expression of restriction enzymes in plants. Accordingly, one skilled in the art would have been motivated to generate the claimed invention with a reasonable expectation of success. Thus, the claimed invention would have been *prima facie* obvious as a whole to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Remarks

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia Collins whose telephone number is (571) 272-0794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:45 AM -5:15 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones can be reached on (571) 272-0745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Cynthia Collins
Primary Examiner
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